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- Upcoming Mukilteo Public Scoping Meetings

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Crew training on the Chetzemoka continued this week. Activities included dock fitting at southern terminals and in Port Townsend and Coupeville (Keystone), and successful maneuvers in and out of Keystone Harbor.

Unlicensed deck crews are starting to rotate training on a limited basis and the engine crew for the Kwa-di Tabil class is working through operating procedures. Overall, crew training is going very well. You can now view the whereabouts of the Chetzemoka on vessel watch at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/vesselwatch/.

Meeting with Rep. Nelson and Vashon Island community members

Last Friday, I met with Rep. Sharon Nelson and leaders of the Vashon Island community, including representation from the fire district, chamber of commerce, school district, community council and others. We discussed the vital link that WSF provides to islanders and the importance of keeping in regular communication about ferry issues.

Upcoming Mukilteo Project Scoping Meetings

WSF and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are evaluating concepts to replace or relocate the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. The environmental process for this project was re-initiated in February 2010 after being on hold since 2007, due to funding and constructability issues associated with previously identified alternatives. WSF is considering a variety of concepts during the environmental process and will share these concepts with the public for review and comment. WSF and FTA presented at a Sept. 29 scoping meeting to participating agencies and tribes on the project. We very much appreciated the attendance and active participation from the Suquamish Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, Swinomish Tribe, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Samish Nation, Lummi Nation, and the Stillaguamish Tribe. WSF is also holding public scoping meetings on Oct. 12, 13, and 14. To participate in a public meeting and to learn more about the project, please visit the project webpage at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/

Next Week:

- I will speak at a fully sponsored (no state money) Interferry Conference in New York. This conference is attended by leading ferry operators from around the world.
- Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Event

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